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## APPLICATION FOR A STANDARD PATENT

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"IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO GUTTER SUSPENSION MEANS"

which is described in the accompanying <sup>provisional</sup>~~complete~~ specification.

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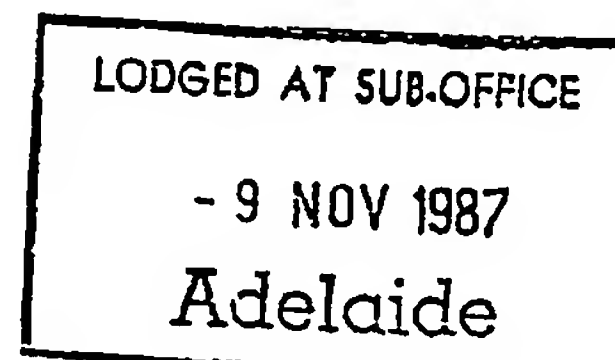
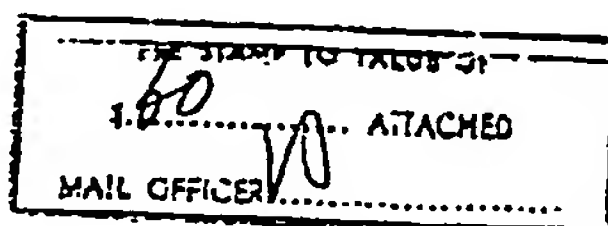
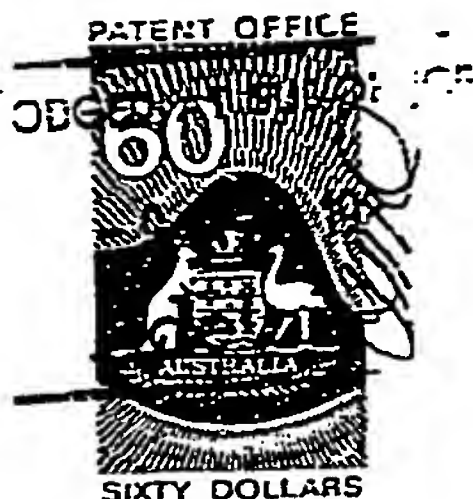
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(57) Claim

2. A gutter suspension arrangement in which there is provided the combination of a gutter which has a back wall which has extending along its length a plurality of vertically spaced apart retention means, and a clip which has one rearwardly extending tongue engageable with any one of said retention means and adapted to support the gutter thereby.

8. A gutter suspension arrangement including a gutter of a type including a rear wall, a bottom wall and a front wall formed integrally from sheet metal and providing thereby an upwardly open mouth and being of substantially constant cross-sectional shape throughout its length and being supported with its back wall against a fascia of a building, the suspension being provided by a plurality of support clips interlockably supported from the fascia and interengaging with the back wall of the gutter by having a single tongue rearwardly extending and interlockably engaging with a selected one of a plurality of vertically spaced apart protuberances in the back wall of the gutter.

9. A method of suspending a gutter which comprises locating a gutter of a type including a rear wall, a bottom wall and a front wall, with the said rear wall adjoining a front face of a fascia and providing for support of the gutter with a fall by having a plurality of clips interlockably engaging with the fascia and having a single arm with one rearwardly extending tongue interengaging a respective one of a plurality of vertically spaced apart retention means in the back wall of the gutter.

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Complete Specification for the invention entitled:

"IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO GUTTER SUSPENSION MEANS"

The following statement is a full description of this invention, including the best method of performing it known to me/us:

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This invention relates to gutter suspension means and in particular to means whereby the height of a gutter can easily be adjusted relative to clip support means.

- 5 The problem to which this invention is directed is illustrated by reference to Australian Patent No. 464,694 "Gutter Suspension Means" in which there is provided clips having a plurality of rearwardly extending tongues which are engageable with tongue retention means on a back wall of the gutter.

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One of the problems with the arrangement described in the said existing Australian Patent Specification is that each clip has to have a plurality of tongues rearwardly projecting only one of which will ever be used.

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Such plurality of tongues are most economically punched from a backing sheet which leaves therefore a plurality of apertures each with a tongue projecting from this.

- 20 This arrangement provides a complex shape with many small holes which is very susceptible to be a haven for insects and a collector of debris and which provides a large number of potentially jagged edges which will promote rust.

- 25 According to this invention, there is proposed a gutter which has a back wall which has extending along its length a plurality of vertically spaced apart retention means.

- 30 In a further form of this invention it can be said to reside in a gutter suspension arrangement in which there is provided the combination of a gutter having a plurality of retention means in vertically spaced alignment within its back wall, and a clip which has one rearwardly extending tongue engageable with any one of said retention means and adapted to support the gutter thereby.

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In preference, there are a plurality of such clips and in order to provide for an appropriate fall to the gutter, these are located along the length of

the gutter and are variously holding the gutter at one or more of the vertically spaced apart retention means.

5 In preference, the retention means comprise a rolled shape which is adapted to engage with supporting grip the rearwardly projecting tongue of a clip.

10 In preference, such a retaining shape is shaped so as to protrude into the gutter area.

In preference, the clip has one part which extends around and behind a fascia and another part which extends over the back wall of the gutter and downwardly in front of the back wall of the gutter, and there is provided from such part a rearwardly extending tongue.

15 In preference, the said tongue of the clip is at a bottommost part of said part extending into the gutter and the tongue itself is comprised of a planar part, the planar shape terminating at an outer end by a parallel edge to the gutter wall, the planar shape being such that the tongue  
20 edge is higher than the remainder of the tongue.

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25 In a further form the invention accordingly can be said to reside in a gutter suspension arrangement including a gutter of a type including a back wall, a bottom wall and a front wall formed from sheet metal and providing thereby an upwardly open mouth and being of substantially constant cross-sectional shape along its length and being supported with its back wall against a fascia of a building, the suspension being provided by a plurality of support clips interlockably supported from the fascia and each inter-engaging with the back wall of the gutter by having  
30 a single tongue rearwardly extending and interlockably engaging with a selected one of a plurality of vertically spaced apart protuberances in the back wall of the gutter.

35 For a better understanding of the invention it will now be described with the assistance of drawings in which:-

FIG. 1 is a perspective cut-away of an arrangement according to the preferred embodiment in which there is shown the assembly of a gutter held to a fascia by a clip.

- 5 Referring in detail to the drawing, the gutter 1 has a front wall 2 a bottom wall 3 and a rear wall 4 all of these being formed by sheet steel with an appropriate zinc based protective coating. This shape then provides an upwardly open mouth and the gutter is otherwise shaped so that it is supported against an outer face of a fascia 17.

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The rear wall 4 is comprised of a plurality of forwardly projecting protuberances shown at 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

- 15 Each of these is rolled so that each extends the full length of the gutter 1 so that the gutter is of constant cross-sectional shape along its length and in each case the shape is such that a top is more arcuate and the bottom almost perpendicular to the plane defined generally by the back wall 4.

- 20 Each of these retaining means 4 can be appropriately held by tongue 10 which projects rearwardly and upwardly from supporting part 11 of the clip 12.

- 25 Clip 12 includes an uppermost part 13 and a portion 14 which extends downwardly and then forwardly at 15 so as to lock with respect to rearward projection 16 of fascia 17. It will be understood that there are a plurality of such clips 12 and that these can variously locate with respect to any one of the forward protuberances 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 so that the gutter is then sequentially supported at varying heights insofar that  
30 these retaining means 4 are vertically spaced and extend the full length of the gutter 1.

- A feature of this arrangement is the elegant simplicity of the clip 12 and the fact that it is now of a constant cross-sectional shape across its  
35 width so that its width can be easily varied and therefore can be somewhat broader for arduous applications where it might be expected that rust will be a problem.



Such an increase in width can be achieved at very little cost.

Otherwise, the method shown provides a very acceptable method of supporting a gutter and the invention applies to both the gutter per se  
5 and to a suspension arrangement incorporating such a gutter, and also to a method of supporting a gutter which comprises engaging a clip of the type described with respect to any one or more of the retaining means where these are vertically spaced apart along the back wall of a gutter.

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CLAIMS

## THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. A gutter which has a back wall which has extending along its length a plurality of vertically spaced apart retention means.
- 5 2. A gutter suspension arrangement in which there is provided the combination of a gutter which has a back wall which has extending along its length a plurality of vertically spaced apart retention means, and a clip which has one rearwardly extending tongue engageable with  
10 any one of said retention means and adapted to support the gutter thereby.
3. A gutter suspension arrangement as in the last preceding claim further characterised in that there are a plurality of said clips  
15 spaced apart along the length of the gutter and supporting the gutter for an appropriate fall in the gutter by having each prospective rearwardly extending tongue engaging for a first clip a first of said retention means, and for a second clip a second of said retention means.
- 20 4. A gutter suspension arrangement as in any one of the preceding claims further characterised in that the retention means  
comprise a rolled shape which is adapted to engage with supporting  
grip the rearwardly projecting tongue of each respective clip.
- 25 5. A gutter suspension means as in any one of the preceding claims in which the retaining shape is shaped so as to protrude into the gutter area.
- 30 6. A gutter suspension arrangement as in any one of the preceding claims 2, 3 or 4 wherein each clip has one part which extends around and behind a fascia and another part which extends over a back wall of the gutter and downwardly in front of the back wall of the gutter and there is provided from such part a rearwardly extending tongue.
- 35 7. A gutter suspension arrangement as in any one of the preceding claims 2, 3, 4 or 5 wherein the said tongue of each clip is at a bottommost part of said part of the clip extending into the gutter and the

tongue itself is comprised of a planar part, the planar shape terminating at an outer end by a parallel edge to the gutter wall, the planar shape being such that the tongue edge is higher than the remainder of the tongue.

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8. A gutter suspension arrangement including a gutter of a type including a rear wall, a bottom wall and a front wall formed integrally from sheet metal and providing thereby an upwardly open mouth and being of substantially constant cross-sectional shape throughout its length and being supported with its back wall against a fascia of a building, the suspension being provided by a plurality of support clips interlockably supported from the fascia and interengaging with the back wall of the gutter by having a single tongue rearwardly extending and interlockably engaging with a selected one of a plurality of vertically spaced apart protuberances in the back wall of the gutter.

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9. A method of suspending a gutter which comprises locating a gutter of a type including a rear wall, a bottom wall and a front wall, with the said rear wall adjoining a front face of a fascia and providing for support of the gutter with a fall by having a plurality of clips interlockably engaging with the fascia and having a single arm with one rearwardly extending tongue interengaging a respective one of a plurality of vertically spaced apart retention means in the back wall of the gutter.

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10. A gutter suspension arrangement substantially as described in the specification with reference to and as illustrated by the accompanying drawing.

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11. A method of suspension of gutter substantially as described in the specification with reference to and as illustrated by the accompanying drawing.

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Dated this 10th day of November 1988.

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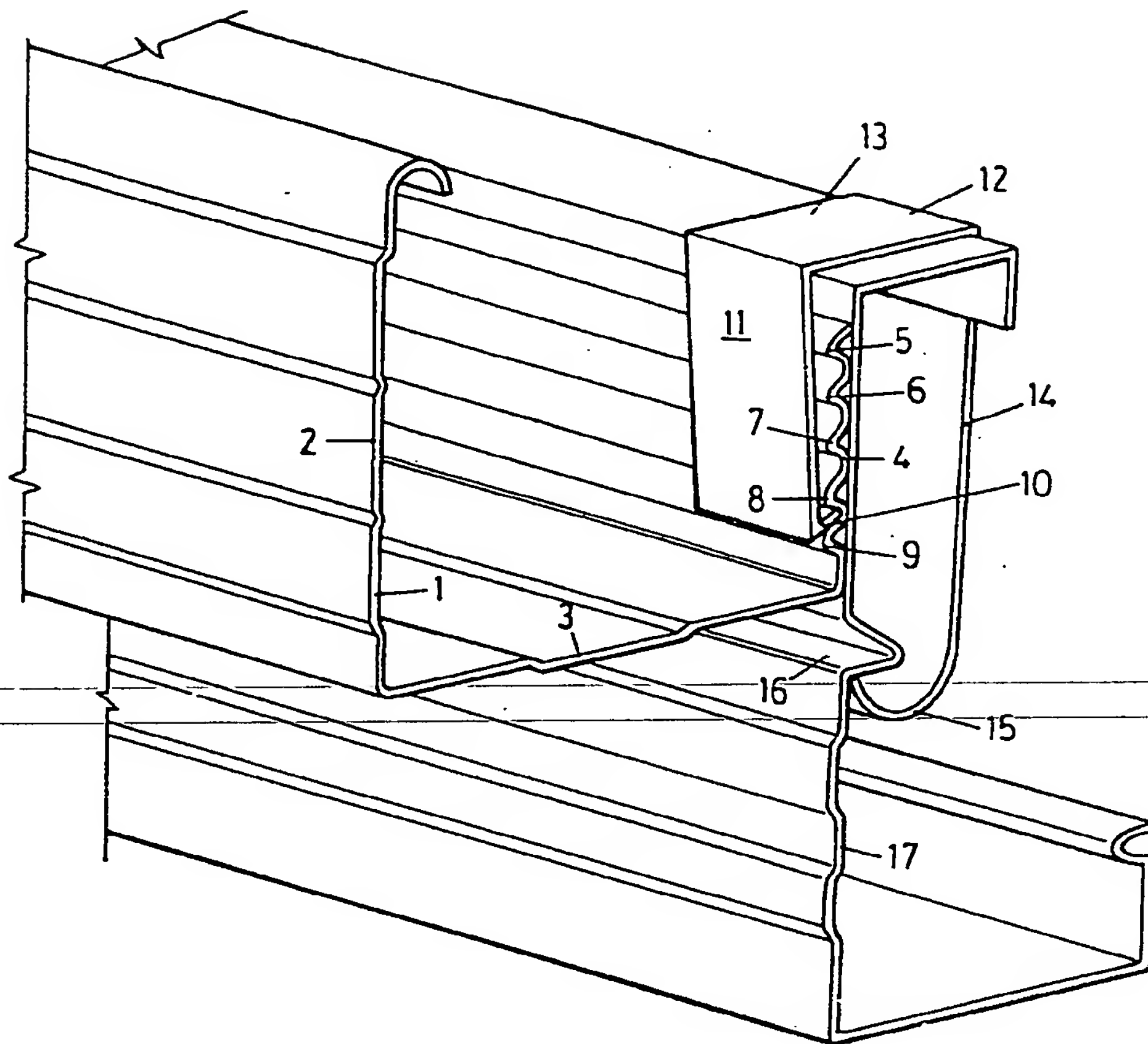
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